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SUBSTRATE TRANSPORT APPARATUS, POD AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace drawing Figure 76 with the enclosed substitute drawing Figure 76.